

Application Serial No.: 10/072,032
Attorney Docket No.: 2A08.1-011
PATENT

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed May 5, 2003, Paper No. 6, has been received and reviewed. By the present Response and Amendment, Claims 1-22 are canceled without prejudice to re-filing by way of a continuing application, and Claim 23 is amended. No new matter has been introduced.

The objections to the drawings have been addressed above, and new drawing sheets are enclosed.

Claims 23 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly obvious in view of U.S. Patent No. 356,520 to Adams. This rejection is believed to be overcome by the present amendment to Claim 23. The racks or frames D of Adams are hingedly connected to support standards A along their stepped sides d. Page 1, lines 56-60, and Figs. 1 & 2. Amended Claim 23 is directed to a display device having an underlying display panel with a sample of displayed material mounted thereon, and an overlying panel having an inner edge pivotally mounted to the rack and a free edge distal the inner edge. The panels are configured such that at least a portion of the first displayed material is visible beyond the free edge of the overlying panel. This claimed invention is not disclosed or suggested by Adams. Indeed, underlying racks or frames D of the device disclosed by Adams appear to be entirely covered and obscured by the overlying racks or frames, since the overlying racks or frames are wider in stepwise increments than the underlying racks or frames.

In a telephone interview conducted May 20, 2003 between Examiner Novosad and Applicant's undersigned attorney, the present amendment to Claim 23 was discussed, the Adams reference was reviewed, and it was agreed that the amendment would overcome the rejection in view of the Adams reference and place the claim in condition for allowance. It was further agreed that this response would be filed by facsimile along with the proposed changes to the drawings.

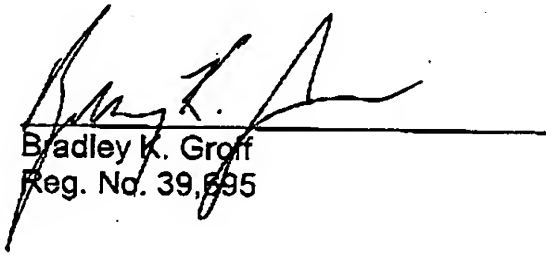
Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all grounds of rejection have been overcome.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments submitted herein and the above comments, it is believed that all grounds of rejection are overcome and that the application has now been placed in full condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant earnestly solicits early and favorable action. Should there be any further questions or reservations, the Examiner is urged to telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney at (770) 984-2300.

Respectfully submitted,



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